



Connecting Buyers and Suppliers



OhioBuys Upgrade (Release 4)

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Upgrade Overview

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OhioBuys will upgrade its platform from version 162 to version 174, a jump forward by six versions. This keeps Ohio from getting too far behind in the platform and features.

- **IT Best Practice:** Anytime we have an IT system, we try to keep it as current as possible.
- **Agency-Driven Solution:** As we have previously, we will continue to have a DAS-supported, agency-driven solution.
- **Continued KPIs:** Working to capture more of the value outlined in the original KPIs including:
 - Faster cycle time
 - Generate more solicitations
 - Increase proposals

OhioBuys Upgrade Features

Possible features to implement include:

- **Contract authoring:** Improved contract authoring, including version control, document checkout, redlining, and comments.
- **Contract authoring within the sourcing module:** Contract drafting is available in the sourcing module to create an “early contract document” for supplier review with the solicitation.
- **Public-Facing Browse Supplier Page:** The supplier verification public page allows suppliers to check their registration in OhioBuys without logging in and allows for registered suppliers to identify potential business partners (e.g., MBEs locating prime contractors to partner with).

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- **Electronic PO Acknowledgement for Suppliers:** Possibility of automated PO Acknowledgement based on supplier willingness to add to their internal systems and processes.
- **Cross-catalog search:** Possibility of cross-catalog search (including punch outs) based on supplier willingness to add their catalog to this function.
- **Centralized Menu:** Looking to add a new menu to the header bar, which will centralize all actions, messages, and notifications from OhioBuys.